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### New Chief

In the hue and cry that followed the shooting down by the Russians of the U-2 spy plane in May 1960, the Central Intelligence Agency was widely singled out as the culprit responsible for the embarrassing incident,

which the Soviets used as a pretext to break up the summit conference in Paris.

It was generally assumed that should Senator John Kennedy win the presidential election last fall he would shake up the CIA from top to bottom. And yet, one of his first moves after the election was to announce the re-appointment of Allen Dulles

as director of the highly sensitive agency.

In the Cuban invasion that came in for a barrage of criticism, it was no secret that the agency had had a large hand in training the Cuban exiles who tried to overthrow Fidel Castro's Communist regime. And rumors flew that Dulles' head would be first to fall.

Again, the rumors proved false. President Kennedy never singled the CIA chief for blame. And last week, when the President finally announced the nomination of a successor to Dulles, John McCone, he was fulsome in his praise of the man who had headed the intelligence agency for 10 years: "I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles."

Although the transition would take place in November, McCone would go to Washington in about two weeks to work with Dulles. San Francisco-born and a prominent West Coast businessman (he organized and headed the Bechtel-McCone corporation and was board chairman of the Pacific Far East Line), the 59-year-old Republican was no stranger to the capital.

He had arrived there first in 1950 as Undersecretary of the Air Force in the Truman Administration. And he was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1958 to January 1961, when he resigned so that Mr. Kennedy could have a man of his own selection.